



Gila County Superior Court

PUBLIC INTEREST CASES

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<http://apps.supremecourt.az.gov/publicaccess/caselookup.aspx>

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<http://supreme.state.az.us/gilasc/>

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http://72.24.204.138:8080/gila_public/ev_srch.action

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Diversion/Deferred Program

It is the policy of the Gila County Attorney's Office to offer some first time felony offenders an opportunity to avoid having a felony conviction on their permanent criminal history if they successfully participate and complete the Diversion or Deferred Prosecution Program.

For a full explanation of this program, please visit the County Attorney's web page at the following link:

http://www.gilacountyaz.gov/government/county_attorney/diversion_deferred_program.php

PENDING CASES

Defendant:	Gasoa BALAS a.k.a. Joshua BALAS	Case #:	CR2012-382
Prosecutor:	Daisy Flores	Defense:	Michael Bernays
Judge:	Gary V. Scales <i>for Peter J. Cahill</i>	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	December 17, 2012, @ 9:00	Status Hearing	in GLOBE
	January 29, 2013, @ 9:00	Jury Trial	in GLOBE
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with causing the death of a minor. Other charges include assaulting a law enforcement officer, attempting to flee from a pursuing law enforcement vehicle, while driving without a license, and under the influence of alcohol and drugs.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Second Degree Murder		Class 1 Felony
	Ct. 2 - Child Abuse / Domestic Violence		Class 3 Felony
	Ct. 3 - Aggravated Assault on Police Officer		Class 2 Felony
	Ct. 4 - Unlawful Flight from Pursuing Law Enforcement		Class 5 Felony
	Ct. 5 - Aggravated DUI		Class 4 Felony
	Ct. 6 - Aggravated DUI w/License Suspended		Class 4 Felony
	Ct. 7 - Aggravated DUI – Drugs w/License Suspended		Class 4 Felony

Plaintiff:	Dorothea HAWK	Defendant:	Rodney ANDERSON ANDERSON CHIROPATRIC CLINIC
Case #:	CV2009-346		
Attorney for Plaintiff:	Lloyd & Robinson	Attorney for Defendant:	Sanders & Parks
Judge:	Peter Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	December 18, 2012, @ 9:00am	Case Conference	in PAYSON
Case Notes:	The Defendant is accused of negligence in the care of Ken Hawk, which it is alleged, ultimately caused the death of Mr. Hawk. The Plaintiff is suing for damages.		
Complaint:	Ct. 1 - Wrongful Death		

CASES SET FOR TRIAL

Defendant:	Andrew James HARGIS	Case #:	CR2011-589
Prosecutor:	Daisy Flores	Defense:	Michael Bernays
Judge:	Gary Scales	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Status:	January 29, 2013, @ 9:00	Jury Trial	in GLOBE
Case Notes:	It is alleged that on October 25, 2011, the Defendant conspired to cause the death of William Sweatt. Other charges include committing an assault upon the victim with a knife.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Murder	Class 1 Felony	
	Ct. 2 - Attempted First Degree Murder	Class 2 Felony	
	Ct. 3 - Burglary 1 st Degree	Class 2 Felony	
	Ct. 4 - Aggravated Assault	Class 3 Felony	
	Ct. 5 - Endangerment	Class 1 Misdemeanor	

CASES SET FOR SENTENCING

Defendant:	Christina Ann BROWN	Case #:	CR2011-003
Prosecutor:	Raymond Geiser	Defense:	Parker Evan Bornmann
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and drugs, with a child under the age of 15 present in the vehicle.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Aggravated DUI – w/Child Present	Class 6 Felony	
	Ct. 2 - Aggravated DUI – Drugs – w/Child Present	Class 6 Felony	
DISPOSITION:	JURY TRIAL - commenced on September 19, 2012		
VERDICT:	Ct. 1 - Aggravated DUI – w/Child Present	JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY	
	Ct. 2 - Aggravated DUI – Drugs – w/Child Present	JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY	
SENTENCING:	DATE TO BE CONFIRMED	SENTENCING	in GLOBE

RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant:	Sarah Michelle RYAN	Case #:	CR2011-566
Prosecutor:	Ramai Alvarez Lacey Cooper	Defense:	Ronald DeBrigida
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant charged with the neglect and of knowingly allowing a situation that would cause risk of physical injury to a minor under the age of 16, and influencing a potential witness.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Child Abuse / Domestic Violence Ct. 2 - Influencing a Witness Ct. 3 - Child Neglect Ct. 4 - Child Neglect	Class 4 Felony Class 5 Felony Class 1 Misdemeanor Class 1 Misdemeanor	
DISPOSITION:	JURY TRIAL - commenced on October 30, 2012		
VERDICT:	Ct. 1 - Child Abuse Ct. 3 - Child Neglect Ct. 2 - Influencing a Witness	JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – GUILTY JURY FOUND DEFENDANT – NOT GUILTY	
SENTENCING:	DECEMBER 10, 2012, @ 1:30	SENTENCING	in PAYSON
CONVICTION:	CT. 1 - CHILD ABUSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentenced to Department of Corrections - 2 Years – 2 days credit time served CT.3 – CHILD NEGLECT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentenced to Gila County Jail – 6 months to run concurrent – 2 days credit time served • Probation 3 years • Fines & Fees 	Class 4 Felony Class 1 Misdemeanor	

RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant:	Bonnie Lynn HUFFMAN aka Bonnie Lynn MCCRANEY	Case #:	CR2010-443
Prosecutor:	Patti Wortman	Defense:	Ronald DeBrigida
Judge:	Peter Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with theft of money from a business.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Theft	Class 3 Felony	
DISPOSITION:	PLEA		
SENTENCING:	DECEMBER 10, 2012, @ 2:00	SENTENCING	in PAYSON
CONVICTION:	CT. 1 - THEFT	Class 3 Felony	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentenced to Department of Corrections - 9 Years – 42 days credit time served • Restitution/Fines & Fees 		

Defendant:	Kenneth Benten CLINE, Jr.	Case #:	CR2011-308
Prosecutor:	Patty Wortman	Defense:	Ronald DeBrigida
Judge:	Peter Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	It is alleged that between October 2010 and January 2011, the Defendant, without authorization, received or diverted electricity, operated by APS.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Obtaining Utility Service Fraudulently Ct. 2 - Theft < \$1,000	Class 6 Felony Class 1 Misdemeanor	
DISPOSITION:	PLEA AGREEMENT		
SENTENCING:	DECEMBER 10, 2012, @ 10:15am	SENTENCING	in PAYSON
CONVICTION	CT. 1 - OBTAINING UTILITY SERVICE FRAUDULENTLY	CLASS 6 FELONY	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspended Sentence • Probation for 3 months • Restitution/Fines/Fees 		

RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant:	Brook Lynn JOHNSON	Case #:	CR2011-588
Prosecutor:	Ramai Alvarez Daisy Flores	Defense:	Robert Standage
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant is charged with conspiring to cause the death of William Sweatt. Other charges also include assaulting the victim with a knife.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Murder Ct. 2 - Attempted First Degree Murder Ct. 3 - Burglary 1 st Degree Ct. 4 - Aggravated Assault Ct. 5 - Endangerment	Class 1 Felony Class 2 Felony Class 2 Felony Class 3 Felony Class 1 Misdemeanor	
DISPOSITION:	PLEA AGREEMENT		
SENTENCING:	DECEMBER 7, 2012, @ 11:45	SENTENCING	in GLOBE
CONVICTION:	CT. 4 –AMENDED – AGGRAVATED ASSAULT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspended Sentence • 60 days deferred jail • 3 Years Probation • Restitution • Fines & Fees 	CLASS 3 FELONY	

RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant:	Jordan Irene FOWLER	Case #:	CR2012-408
Prosecutor:	Patti Wortman	Defense:	Jonathan Warshaw
Judge:	Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court:	Division I
Case Notes:	Defendant was charged with three counts of injecting melted Percoset in to a 16 yr old, on or about September 1, 2012. Defendant was also charged with counts of involving a minor in drug offenses and endangerment.		
Indictment:	Ct. 1 - Administration of a Narcotic Drug to Another Person Ct. 2 - Administration of a Narcotic Drug to Another Person Ct. 3 - Administration of a Narcotic Drug to Another Person Ct. 4 - Involving or Using Minors in Drug Offenses Ct. 5 - Involving or Using Minors in Drug Offenses Ct. 6 - Involving or Using Minors in Drug Offenses Ct. 7 - Endangerment		Class 2 Felony Class 2 Felony Class 2 Felony Class 2 Felony Class 2 Felony Class 2 Felony Class 6 Felony
DISPOSITION:	PLEA AGREEMENT		
SENTENCING:	DECEMBER 3, 2012	SENTENCING	in PAYSON
CONVICTION:	CT. 3 -ADMINISTRATION OF NARCOTIC DRUG TO ANOTHER PERSON CLASS 2 FELONY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentenced to Department of Corrections - 6 Years – Aggravated Term • Restitution/Fines & Fees 		

RECENT CASE DISPOSITIONS

Defendant: Fredrick LAVIN	Case #: CR2012-050 CR2009-128 CR2009-632
Prosecutor: June Ava Florescue	Defense: Michael Bernays
Judge: Peter J. Cahill	Superior Court: Division I
<p>Indictment:</p> <p>CR2012-050 Ct. 1 - Misconduct Involving Weapons Class 4 Felony</p> <p>CR2009-128 Ct. 1 - Negligent Homicide Class 4 Felony Ct. 2 - Possession of Marijuana Class 6 Felony Ct. 3 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Class 6 Felony Ct. 4 - Misconduct Involving Weapons Class 4 Felony Ct. 5 - Misconduct Involving Weapons Class 4 Felony</p> <p>CR2009-632 Ct. 1 - Petition to Revoke Probation</p>	
SENTENCING: October 31, 2012	SENTENCING in GLOBE
<p>CONVICTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CR2012-50: Misconduct Involving Weapon: Sentenced to ADOC: 2.5 years. with 104 days time served; • CR2009-128: Negligent Homicide: Sentenced to ADOC: 2.5 years. with 293 days time served, consecutive to sentence on 2012-50 • CR2009-632 Reinstated on Intensive probation for 1 yr., consecutive to the prison terms. 	